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RULE 132 DECLARATION OF DAVID GOREN, RACHEL GORDIN, AND  
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We, the undersigned, David Goren of 6/3 Hashezif Street, Nesher, Israel; Rachel Gordin of 14 Hillel Yaffe Street, Apt. #17, Hadera 38203, Israel, and Michael Zelikson of Albert Schweitzer Street, Haifa, hereby declare as follows:

1. We are the Applicants in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/723,752 (hereinafter "the Application").

2. We were also part of the Applicants in U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0172358 A1 (hereinafter "the Publication").

3. In an Office Action dated July 27, 2005, claims 1-24 in the aforesaid Application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over the Publication. In making this rejection, the Examiner cited subject matter shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3a-3c of the Publication and described in paragraphs 5, 7, 12-14, 17-19, 22, 28, 31, 33, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, 48-53, 56, and 66-77 of the Publication.

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4. We were the inventors of all the subject matter that was cited by Examiner in Figs. 1, 2 and 3a-3c of the Publication and described in paragraphs 5, 7, 12-14, 17-19, 22, 28, 31, 33, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, 48-53, 56 and 66-77 of the Publication.

5. Any invention disclosed but not claimed in the Publication was derived from the undersigned and is thus not the invention "by another".

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and conjecture are thought to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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